

In Search of History: The Aztec Empire Documentary

Questions

1. The ancient Aztec Empire stretched from modern-day _____ to _____.
2. The height of the Aztec Empire took place from the year _____ to _____ A.D./C.E.
3. At its largest, Aztec Empire numbered how many people?
4. True or False: The Aztec capital was the largest city in the world at the height of the Aztec power.
5. According to Aztec legend, where did the Aztecs come from?
6. What is Aztlan?
7. In what year did the Aztecs begin their journey to the promised land?
8. How many years did the Aztecs spend in search of their promised land?
9. True or False: The rain god set them upon their journey to Tenochtitlan.
10. How did the Aztec god communicate with them?
11. What did the Aztecs feel they were destined for?
12. How did the Aztecs look upon their blood offerings to the gods?
13. In order to promote fertility, what did the Aztecs do?
14. True or False: To promote rain, the Aztecs would sacrifice children, believing their tears would inspire rain to fall.
15. What was the signal, as relayed by Aztec priests, that the Aztecs had arrived at their promised land?
16. What was the name of the Aztec capital?
17. When did they reach their promised land?
18. How many people eventually lived there?
19. What was peculiar about the location of the city?
20. When did the Spaniards first see this great city?
21. True or False: The Spaniards compared it to London because both cities had approximately the same population.
22. The absence of what two things makes the construction of the city shocking?

23. What did enable them to transport building materials with ease?
24. True or False: The Aztecs were, generally speaking, disorganized.
25. What tool did the Aztecs use to accurately time planting?
26. True or False: The Aztecs were medicinally advanced.
27. True or False: The Aztec warriors thought poetry wasn't manly enough for them to write.
28. What tool did the Aztecs use to make their sculptures?
29. True or False: The Aztecs needed tribute from neighboring peoples to ensure the economic life of Tenochtitlan.
30. Describe the goal of Aztec warriors when battling an enemy.
31. True or False: Sacrificial death was a great dishonor to the victim.
32. True or False: Priests were male and female.
33. What sacrificial practice may have been performed in the belief that it would promote fertility?
34. Describe the special ceremony performed only every 52 years that, if unsuccessful, was believed would lead to the end of the world.
35. Describe Montezuma's life and the way his subjects interacted with him.
36. Describe the Aztec prophecy that coincided with the arrival of Hernán Cortés.
37. How did the Aztecs refer to gold?
38. Who was Malinche and what was her role?
39. How is "Malinche" colloquially used in Mexico today?
40. Who did the mismatch of weapons between Spaniards and Aztecs favor?
41. In what way did the Spaniards and Aztecs look at warfare differently?
42. What enabled Cortes, with only 600 men, to enjoy such success on the battlefield?
43. The events leading up to and following Montezuma's death are told differently by the Spaniards and the Aztecs. Explain the difference.
44. After Montezuma's death, what happened?
45. In what year was the great Aztec temple discovered?
46. How many objects have been recovered from the once buried temple?